

## REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are currently pending. The Examiner asserts that the current application represents three distinct and unrelated inventions:

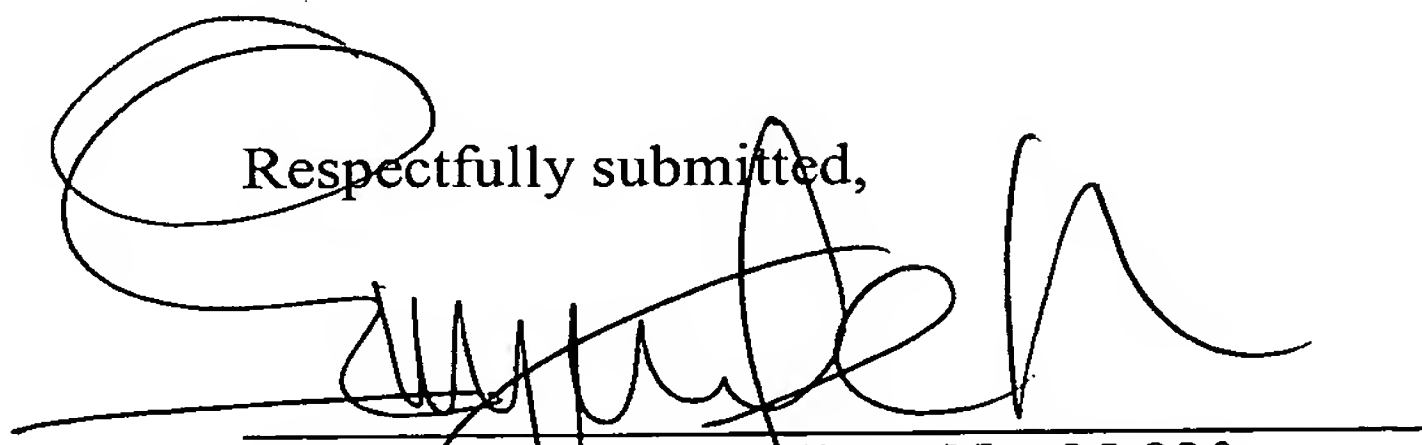
- I. Claims 1-6.
- II. Claims 7-12.
- III. Claims 13-20.

Restriction Requirement (4/1006), P. 2.

Applicants hereby elect to proceed with claims 13-20, which are drawn to a water base ink for ink-jet recording.

Based upon the above election, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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